

SAC, New York (9-1953)

October 23, 1953

Director, FBI

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UNSUB;  
ALFRED G. VANDERBILT  
VIKEX

Reurlet October 14, 1953, instant case.

Five latent fingerprints developed on outside of  
Q1, one latent fingerprint developed on Q2 and three latent  
fingerprints developed on Q3.

Description of specimens set forth in laboratory  
report forwarded separately.

This report confirms and supplements Buairtel of  
October 16, 1953.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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Lab. File

Re: MURDER  
ALFRED G. VANDERBILT-VICTIM  
EXTORTION

File # 9-2  
Lab. # D-173973 AT

Examination requested by: SAC, New York (9-nw)

Date of reference communication: Let. 10-14-53

Date received:

Examination requested: Document- Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope bearing the handprinted address "Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt in care of Westchester Racing Association 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y." postmarked "NEW YORK 7, N.Y. OCT 8 1953 8:30 PM."
- Q2 First page of an accompanying hand printed letter beginning "To Mr; Alfred G. Vanderbilt. Sir; As there are....." ending "To earth all of us must return,"
- Q3 Second page of accompanying letter beginning "And now I will show you....." ending "By which life is made of."

5 lat. fpts. des. on outside of Q1, Q2, Q3 - 1  
1 " " " " Q2 } 10-16  
3 " " " " Q3 }  
Airtel to NY 10-16  
Prints searched thru Ext. file - no a  
Dictated 10-22 Jm

Q1-3 ret'd. to Bureau 10-22

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To SA, New York

October 22, 1953

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on October 15, 1953.

This confirms and supplements the Bureau's air-tel dated October 15, 1953, in this case.

Re: UNSUB.,  
ALFRED G. VANDERBILT  
VIKEX

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-NOM  
FBI FILE NO. 9-24984  
LAB. NO. 9-173973 AT

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter 10/14/53

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

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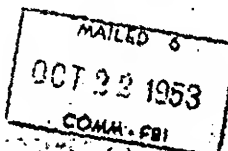
Results of Examination:

The questioned hand printing on Q1 through Q3 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Copies are being added to this file for future reference.

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Specimen Q1 is a white bond, U. S. Government, three-cent stamped envelope measuring approximately 9.5" by 4.1" and containing the watermark "US 1953." Specimens Q2 and Q3 are sheets of white paper, measuring approximately 11" by 8.4" and having no watermarks. A part of the upper portion of specimen Q2 was cut off before it reached the FBI Laboratory. The address on Q1 is hand printed in upper-case letters in blue-black ink and the message on Q2 and Q3 is hand printed in upper-case letters with a lead pencil.

Fingerprint report separately. Submitted evidence is retained.

This report supersedes air-tel from Bureau to New York, dated October 16, 1953. The figure 3 in next to the last line of Bureau air-tel to New York, dated October 16, 1953, should be changed to the figure 1 in both copies of that air-tel in your possession.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : ATT: FBI LABORATORY  
SAC, New York (9-new)

DATE: 10/14/53

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ALFRED G. VANDERBILT - Victim  
EXTORTION

ReNYtel this date.

There is enclosed herewith the original two page hand printed, anonymous letter in captioned case, together with the envelope, turned over to the NYO this date by a representative of SPENCER J. DRAYTON, President, Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, Inc., NYC. Also enclosed is a photostatic copy of this material.

The enclosures are described as follows:

Item One: First page of letter beginning "To Mr: ALFRED G. VANDERBILT" and ending "To earth all of us must return."

Item Two: Second page of anonymous letter beginning "And now I will show you how" and ending "By which life is made of."

Item Three: Envelope postmarked 8:30 pm, October 8, 1953, New York 7, New York, addressed to "Mr. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, in care of WESTCHESTER RACING ASSOCIATION, 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y."

ENCLOS. ATTACHED requested that the enclosures be compared with the anonymous handwriting files of the FBI Laboratory; that the material be processed for any latent prints that may appear thereon; and that appropriate examination be made of the paper to determine such physical characteristics of the material that may be of investigative aid in this case.

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

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SUBJ., ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKEX. REURTEL OCTOBER 14  
LAST. IMMEDIATELY FORWARD LETTER TO F.B.I. LABORATORY.  
AFFORD MATTER CONTINUOUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION. KEEP  
BUREAU INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, OCTOBER 20, 1953

AIR-TEL  
REGULAR MAIL

Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK (9-1953)

UNSUB; ALFRED G. VANDERBILT - VIREX. REURLET OCTOBER 19, 1953.  
NO CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER JOHN JAMES HOLLOY PREPARED QUESTIONED  
HAND PRINTING ON SPECIMENS SUBMITTED BY NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 14,  
1953, AND DESIGNATED AS Q1 THROUGH Q3 BECAUSE QUESTIONED WRITING  
IS WRITTEN IN UPPER CASE HAND-PRINTED LETTERS AND THE WRITING OF  
HOLLOY CONSISTS MOSTLY OF SCRIPT HANDWRITING. FOR FURTHER  
COMPARISON, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ANY ADDITIONAL SAMPLES OF WRITING  
OBTAINED FROM HOLLOY OR OTHER SUSPECTS CONSIST OF DICTATED WRITING  
IN THE WORDING OF Q1 THROUGH Q3 PREPARED IN UPPER CASE HAND-PRINTED  
LETTERS OR NORMAL UNDICTATED SAMPLES COMPARABLE TO THE WORDING OF  
THE QUESTIONED SPECIMENS. KNOWN WRITING OF HOLLOY BEING RETURNED  
SEPARATELY TO NEW YORK. REPRESENTATIVE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE RETAINED.  
REPORT FOLLOWS.

HOOVER

CEB:KMB/17  
*[Signature]*

Note: E. Hughes

advised 10/20/53

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, New York (9-1953)  
 SUBJECT: UNSUB; ALFRED G. VANDERBILT - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION

DATE: 10/19/53

The following documents are being forwarded as enclosures for examination:

1. Park and Tilford Import Corporation, Boiler Room Log, dated 9/5/52 (JOHN JAMES MOLLOY's handwriting and hand printing appears in the heading and along side of the 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. watch as well as his signature and the watch time on the reverse side).

2. Park and Tilford Import Corporation, Boiler Room Log, dated 9/2/52 (the handwriting and hand printing of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY appears in the heading and opposite the 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. watch. His signature and watch time appears on the reverse side).

3. Employee's withholding exemption certificate of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY dated 6/30/47.

4. Park and Tilford Import Corporation application for employment of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY dated 6/30/47.

It is requested that the hand printing on the above documents be compared with the hand printing appearing on the letter received by the victim in this case which was previously forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. It is requested that the NYO be expeditiously advised of the results of this examination. The documents enclosed should be returned to the NYO.

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APD:JEN

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: NOV 1, 1953

FROM :

SUBJECT:

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Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Gearty \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On October 17, 1953, the New York Office received a letter addressed to the victim in which the writer, doing no mention of his name, threatened to kill the victim. The letter was postmarked October 8, 1953. The letter contained in the enclosure was hand written in pencil. The letter stated that the writer had lost some \$31,000 at the race track; that he was a gambler and had lost a wide spread in the race track and that he was intending to recover his losses by winning a bet on one of Vanderbilt's horses. The letter advises a scheme whereby the victim is to place an ad in the New York Journal American stating, "I will race you tomorrow at one if Vanderbilt's horse in the first race is out to win" and "not for an airing."

The USA for the Southern District of New York states that the letter in his opinion constitutes a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

The letter has been received in the FBI Laboratory and specimens received of one such suspect John J. Molloy. The specimens were not comparable with the anonymous letter. The Boston Division advises that Molloy is presently confined to a state hospital for mental diseases in Rhode Island.

The New York Office advised by airtel dated October 19, 1953 that they advised the New York City Police of the threats so that protection might be afforded the victim. During this interview the New York City Police suggested that a copy of the letter in this case be furnished to them for a search through the police laboratory for possible identification of the unknown author. The New York Office airtel states that the victim has expressed himself as having no objection to the letter being furnished to the New York City police laboratory.

The New York Office requested advice as to whether a copy of the letter in this case may be furnished to the New York City police laboratory for a search through the New York City Police files and advise the New York Office if any identification is effected. New York also points out that they would stress to the NYCPD the fact that no publicity is to be had in connection with furnishing the copy of this letter.

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Attachment

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

SUBJECT:

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In accord with the attached letter to  
to New York pointing out that the Bureau has no objection to  
furnishing a copy of the letter to the New York City Police  
Department for their search through their files provided that the  
can assure that no publicity will issue and that the New York  
office will be advised if any identification is effected.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 23, 1953

To:

SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on October 20, 1953.

Re:

UNSUB.,  
ALFRED C. VANDERBILT - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

9-1953

FBI FILE NO.

9-24984

LAB. NO.

D-174126 AT

Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

Letter 10/19/53

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

K1 Two Park and Tilford Import Corporation, Boiler Room Logs dated 9/5/52 and 9/2/52; one employee's withholding exemption certificate dated 6/30/47; and one Park and Tilford Import Corporation application for employment dated 6/30/47, all bearing the known handwriting and hand printing of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY.

Results of examination:

This confirms and supplements Bureau's air-tel dated October 20, 1953, in this case.

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A positive conclusion was not reached as to whether the questioned hand printing on specimens Q1 through Q3 submitted by New York in this case on October 14, 1953, was prepared by JOHN JAMES MOLLOY, K1, because the questioned hand printing is written in upper-case hand printed letters and the writing of MOLLOY on K1 consists mostly of script handwriting.

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For further comparison, it is suggested that any additional samples of writing obtained from MOLLOY or other suspects consist

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of dictated writing in the wording of Q1 through Q3 prepared in upper-case hand printed letters or normal undictated samples prepared in upper-case hand printed letters containing words and letters comparable to the writing on Q1 through Q3.

Specimen K1 is returned herewith to New York. Representative photographs are retained for any future examination requested.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT., ALFRED G. VANDERBILT RACE VICTIM., EXTORTION.  
THE THOROUGHBRED RACING PROTECTIVE BUREAU, INC., PERSONALLY DELIVERED  
TO THIS OFFICE TODAY A LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT  
IN CARE OF WESTCHESTER RACING ASSOCIATION, TWO FIVE NAUGHT PARK  
AVENUE, NY SEVENTEEN, NY, AND FORWARDED TO THE WESTCHESTER RACING  
ASSOCIATION, POST OFFICE BOX TWENTYONE, ELMONT, NY, POSTMARKED  
EIGHT THIRTY PM, OCT EIGHT, FIFTYTHREE, NY SEVEN, NY. THE LETTER  
IS HANDPRINTED IN PENCIL AND READS AS FOLLOWS /COKON/ "TO MR.,  
ALFRED G. VANDERBILT. SIR., AS THERE ARE NO ALIBIE FOR FAILURE,  
NO PARDON FOR IGNORANCE, AND NO EXPLANATIONS FOR SUCCESS /COKON/  
I WIL ELIMINATE ALL THE PRELIMINARY EXPLAINATION, AND CAME RIGHT  
UP TO THE POINT AND INFORM YOU THAT YOU SIR, HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO  
ASSIST ME IN A PLAN BY WHICH TO RECOUP THIRTYONE THOUSAND DOLLARS  
WHICH I /LIKE A FOOL/ LOST AT THE RACE TRACK. I ALSO HAVE A PLAN  
TO ATTACK AND INFLECT WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION AND DEATH AT THE  
RACE TRACK. THE VICTIMS OF SUCH AN ATTACK OFCOURSE WILL BE

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THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, THE PUBLIC AT LARGE,  
THE JUDICIAL, AND FOR THE INTEREST OF THE  
PROCESSES OF RACISM. AND NOW /DECLARATION MARK/ AND I WILL SUCCEED  
IN CARRYING OUT SUCH A FANTASTIC PLAN TO A CONCLUSION /THREE MARKS/  
YOU MAY SAY. WELL, IT IS NOT HARD FOR AN OFFICER IN THE  
U.S. ARMY TO PUT A MORTAR AND ITS APPROPRIATE SHELLS /FIFTY OF  
THEY/ IN THE TRUNK COMPARTMENT OF HIS CAR, ETC. AND ALTHOUGH I'M  
NO LONGER IN ACTIVE DUTY IT STILL IS LESS HARDER FOR ME TO MAKE  
NINE /NINE/ BULLS EYES OUT OF TEN /TEN/ BURSTS AND HAVING A ~~FACE~~  
AREA FOR A TARGET SUCH AS THE GRAND STAND AND THE CLUB HOUSE I'M  
SURE, THE SCORE WILL BE TEN /TEN/ BULLS EYES OUT OF /TEN/ BURSTS.  
EVEN FROM A MOVING VEHICLE. AS FOR YOU SIR, IF YOU ARE STILL  
ALIVE AFTER I HAVE BECOME OMINOUSLY FAMOUS, BY KILLING PERHAPS  
HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT SUCKERS I SHALL EXPOSE MY IDENTITY BY HAVING  
YOU SIR, AS MY COMPANION IN DEATH. IN SUMMERISING THE WHOLE IDEA  
SIR, ASSIST ME TO RECOUP MY FINANCIAL LIBERTY, OR I SHALL GIVE  
DEATH TO YOU AND HUNDREDS MORE. THIS IS A DECLARATION OF ONE  
MAN-S WAR AGAINST THE UNSCRUPULOUS MANIPULATIONS THAT ARE GOING  
ON AT THE RACE TRACK. DO YOU FEAR DEATH/QUESTION MARK/ DO NOT  
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FOR DEATH IS ONLY A FORM OF LIFE. ALL OF US WILL BE BORN AGAIN.  
FARTH AS FROM FARTH ALL OF US ARE BORN AGAIN. ALL OF US ARE BORN AGAIN.  
AND NOW I WILL SHOW YOU HOW THE PREVENTION OF DEATH CAN BE AVOIDED  
BE AVOIDED BY YOU SIR. FOR INSTANCE IF YOU ENTER ONE OF YOUR HORSES  
IN THE THIRD RACE OF TOMORROW WITH DEFINITE PURPOSE TO WIN THE RACE  
/NOT FOR AIRING/ YOU MERELY PUT AN AD IN THE CLASSIFIED AD-  
PAGE OF THE -N.Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN- WHICH AD WILL BE UNDER THE CLASSI-  
FICATION OF SCURRUSCU SUCH AS FOLLOWS. SCURRUSCU I SEE YOU TOMORROW  
AT THREE O-CLOCK. IF YOU HAVE TWO /TWO/ HORSES GOING OUT FOR A WIN  
AT THE SAME DAY ONE OF WHICH IS ENTERED IN THE THIRD RACE AND  
THE OTHER IN THE FIFTH RACE, THE AD WILL READ, THUS, SCURRUSCU  
I SEE YOU TOMORROW EITHER AT THREE OR AT FIVE O-CLOCK. IF YOU HAVE  
THREE HORSES GOING OUT FOR A WIN AT THE SAME DAY ONE OF WHICH WILL  
COMPETE IN THE SECOND-FOURTH-AND SEVENTH RACES RESPECTIVELY THEN  
THE AD WILL READ IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER. SCURRUSCU SEE ME TOMORROW  
EITHER AT TWO OR AT FOUR O'CLOCK. IF YOU CAN-T MAKE IT, I-LL SEE  
YOU AT SEVEN O-CLOCK. IN OTHER WORDS THE NUMBER OF THE RACE OR  
RACES ON WHICH YOUR HORSES ARE COMPETING WILL BE THE TIME YOU WILL  
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SEE ME AT 1-11 WILL SEE YOU. IT'S ONLY TEN-THOUSAND. DO NOT  
TRY ANYTHING AS THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO LURE ME IN TO A TRAP.  
ON THE CONTRARY THAT WOULD LURE ME IN IS THE ACTION OF TERROR.  
MY BAGS WILL NEVER BE MORE THEN FIFTY DOLLARS AS I DON'T INTENT  
TO MAKE MYSELF CONSPICUOUS. I WILL DO NOTHING WHICH YOU MAY SUSPECT.  
DO DO NOT SUSPECT, JUST OBLIGE. WHEN THE TIME COMES THAT I WILL  
HAVE MY THIRTYONE THOUSAND IN MY POSSESSION I SHALL THEN, SENT YOU  
ONOTHE LETTER IN WHICH I WILL INFORM YOU TO THE WHERE ABOUTH OF  
MY MINIATURE ARSENAL SO YOU MAY DISPOSE OF AS YOU PLEASE SIR.  
FOR THEN I WILL HAVE NO FORTHER USE FOR SUCH WEAPONS. AND YOU  
OF COURSE, DON-T HAVE TO PUT ANY MORE AD-S IN THE JORNAL AMERICAN.  
DO YOU LOVE LIFE/GUES/ THEN DO NOT SQUANDER TIME, FOR TIME IS THE  
ELEMENT BY WHICH LIFE IS MADE OF." IN THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL, MR.  
SPENCER DRAYTON OF THE THOROUGHBERED RACING PROTECTIVE BUREAU,  
INC, SUGGESTED THAT IF THE MATTER DID NOT COME WITHIN THE INVESTIGATIVE  
JURISDICTION OF THE FBI HE WOULD APPRECIATE THE RETURN OF THE MATERIAL  
SO IT COULD BE REFERRED TO ANOTHER AUTHORITY WHICH MAY HAVE JURISDICTION  
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THAT IN HIS OPINION THE ABOVE-RECORDED LETTERS WERE A THREAT  
THREAT TO THE VICTIM AND THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER THEM AS SUCH IF THE  
SUBJECT IS IDENTIFIED. MR. COFFEY, WHO IS ACTING FOR MR. BOARDMAN,  
WAS ADVISED THAT THE LETTER CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL  
EXTORTION STATUTE AND THAT ANY ADDITIONAL LETTERS BE IMMEDIATELY  
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THIS OFFICE. MR. COFFEY BELIEVES  
THAT VANDERBILT-S HORSES ARE RUNNING IN THE LOCAL NY TRACKS FASTER  
THAN TRACKS IN OTHER STATES. MR. COFFEY REQUESTED THAT THE NYCPD  
NOT BE NOTIFIED AT THIS TIME CONCERNING THE NECESSITY OF TAKING  
PRECAUTIONS AT THE JAMAICA RACE TRACK UNTIL HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY  
OF ADVISING MR. VANDERBILT WHO COULD NOT BE CONTACTED UNTIL SOMETIME  
EARLY TOMORROW MORNING. PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS RE COFFEY-S  
REQUEST, THE NYCPD WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING,  
AFTER COFFEY ADVISES NYO THAT VANDERBILT HAS BEEN CONTACTED.

BOARDMAN

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CC: MR. KUPEN  
AND SUPERVISOR  
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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U R G E N T

UNSUB., ALFRED G. VANDERBILT DASH VICTIM., EXTORTION. JOHN JAMES MOLLOY SENT VICTIM ANNOYING TELEGRAMS FROM END OF NINETEEN FIFTYTWO UP TO AUGUST NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE. IN TELEGRAMS MOLLOY USED LATIN PHRASES. LETTER RECEIVED BY VICTIM INSTANT CASE INSTRUCTED VICTIM TO PLACE AD IN NY PAPER ADDRESSED TO SCURRUSCU. MOLLOY WAS ARRESTED BY THE WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT, AUGUST TWENTY, FIFTYTHREE. MOLLOY WAS EXAMINED BY DR. HENRY B. GRANGER, CONN., AND DR. FREEMAN BRUNO AGNELLI, RHODE ISLAND, WHO FOUND MOLLOY INSANE AND HAD HIM COMMITTED TO STATE HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL DISEASES, HOWARD, RHODE ISLAND, OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE. BOSTON WILL IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN IF MOLLOY STILL INCARCERATED. WILL ALSO ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN HAND PRINTING SPECIMENS FROM RECORDS IF MOLLOY RELEASED PRIOR TO OCTOBER FIVE, NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE. SOME HAND PRINTING SPECIMENS OF MOLLOY OBTAINED, BEING FORWARDED THIS DATE TO FBI LABORATORY. BUREAU REQUESTED TO GIVE EXPEDITIOUS EXAMINATION.

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Mr. Rosen

Mr. Harbo

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

AIRMAIL  
MAIL

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ALFRED G. VANDERBILT - VICTIM, MURDER.  
RECEIVED OCTOBER 19, 1953. THE BUREAU HAS NO OBJECTION  
TO FURNISHING A COPY OF THIS LETTER IN THIS CASE TO THE  
NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A SEARCH IN THEIR  
FILES PROVIDED YOU CAN INSURE THAT NO PUBLICITY WILL  
RESULT THEREFROM AND THAT IF IDENTIFICATION IS EXPECTED  
YOUR OFFICE WILL BE ADVISED AND THE MATTER WILL NOT  
BE TAKEN OVER BY THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NY, NY, 10/19/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

FROM, ALFRED G. VANDERBILT - VICTIM; INFORMATION. RECENTLY 10/14/53.

REQUESTING NYCPD WOULD BE ADVISED OF INSTANT LETTER MORNING OF 10/15/53.

DURING INTERVIEW WITH NYCPD CONCERNING LETTER IT WAS SUGGESTED BY THEM

THAT COPY OF INSTANT LETTER BE FURNISHED FOR SEARCH THROUGH POLICE

LABORATORY OF NYCPD FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF WRITER THEREOF. DURING

COURSE OF INTERVIEW WITH VICTIM HE EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS HAVING NO OBJECTION

TO LETTER BEING TURNED OVER TO NYCPD LABORATORY. BUREAU IS REQUESTED

TO ADVISE IF THIS OFFICE MAY FURNISH COPY INSTANT LETTER TO NYCPD

LABORATORY FOR SEARCH THROUGH THEIR FILES AND ADVISE TO THIS OFFICE OF

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UNSUB., ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKEX. RE NY TEL OCTOBER NINETEEN  
LAST. DR. J. F. REGAN, SUPERINTENDENT, STATE HOSPITAL FOR  
MENTAL DISEASES, HOWARD, RI, ADVISED JOHN J. MOLLOY ADJUDGED  
INSANE ON AUGUST TWENTY, FIFTYTHREE IN PROCEEDINGS AT WESTERLY,  
RI, AND COMMITTED TO HOSPITAL AND IS STILL A PATIENT THERE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
11/16/53, NY, NY  
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT: ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VICTIM-EXTORTION.  
NO LOGICAL SUSPECT DEVELOPED. JOHN JAMES MOLLY, WHO 6-  
PREVIOUSLY WROTE VICTIM, COMMITTED TO STATE HOSPITAL,  
WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND, ON 8/20/53. CONSIDERATION BEING  
GIVEN TO CHECKING VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION FOR POSSIBLE  
SUSPECTS.

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SAC, NEW YORK (MAIL)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKEX. NEURAIHTEL  
NOVEMBER 16, LAST. COVER ALL LOGICAL LEADS, COMPLETE  
INVESTIGATION, AND REPORT BY NOVEMBER 30, NEXT.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/24/53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/14-20, 23, 26, 27; 11/2, 9, 16/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ALFRED G. VANDERBILT - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Victim received letter postmarked NY, NY, 10/8/53 addressed to him c/o Westchester Racing Association, 250 Park Avenue, NY, NY. The letter threatens bodily harm or death if victim does not advise subject when former's horses run to win in order that subject can recoup losses of \$31,000. AUSA MOLLO, SDNY advised that letter constitutes a definite threat to victim and he would consider prosecution of subject if identified. Only suspect victim could furnish was individual who sent him crank letters. This individual identified as JOHN JAMES MOLLOY who is presently incarcerated at State Hospital, Howard, Rhode Island. Hand printing on letter checked through anonymous letter file with negative results. Latent finger-prints developed on letter.

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**DETAILS:**

This report predicated upon a letter dated October 14, 1953 from the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, Inc., advising that ALFRED G. VANDERBILT had received a threatening letter and enclosing same. This letter was delivered by a messenger.

At the time that the letter was delivered Mr. EDWARD COFFEY acting for SPENCER J. DRAYTON requested that the New York Police Department not be notified at this time concerning the necessity of taking precautions at Jamaica.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> </div> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">7-117-V-12</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>NOV 25 1953</p> <p>12</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>RECORDED - 7</p> <p>INDEXED - 7</p> </div> </div>
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Race Track where Mr. VANDERBILT's horses were run. He requested the delay in order that he would have an opportunity to advise the victim.

On October 15, 1953 Mr. COFFEY advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge EDWARD J. MC CABE that he had contacted Mr. VANDERBILT and the New York City Police Department could be notified.

The letter was contained in an envelope addressed to Mr. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, c/o Westchester Racing Association, 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York. The address of 250 Park Avenue was crossed out. The forwarding address of Westchester Racing Association, Post Office Box 21, Elmont, New York was then placed on the letter. The envelope contains no return address. It is postmarked New York 7, New York, October 8, 1953 at 8:30 P.M. The letter received by Mr. VANDERBILT in this envelope is as follows:

"To Mr. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT.

"Sir;

"As there are no alibie for failure, no pardon for ignorance, and no explanations for success:  
I will eliminate all the preliminary explanation, and came right up to the point and inform you that you sir, have been chosen to assist me in a plan by which to recoup \$31,000 which I (like a fool) lost at the race track.

"I also have a plan to attack and inflict widespread distruction and death at the race track  
The victims of such an attack of couse will be the occupants of the administration building, the public at large, the jockeys, and eve the innocent horses, wile they are in the ppossess of racing.  
And how! Am I to succide in carrying out such a fantastic plan to a conclusion? You may ask.

"Sir; it is not hard for an ordnance officer in the U. S. Army to put a mortar and it's appropriate shells (50 of them) in the trunk comparment of his car, etc.  
And although I'm no longer in active duty it still is less harder for me to make nine (9) bulls eyes out of ten (10) bursts and having a large area for a target such as the grand stand and the club house I'm sure, the score will be

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ten (10) bulls eyes out of ten (10) bursts.  
Even from a moving vehicle

"As for you sir, if you are still alive after I have become ominously famous, by killing perhaps hundreds of innocent suckers I shall expose my identity by having you sir, as my companion in death.

"In summerising the whole idea sir, assist me to recoup my financial liberty, or I shall give death to you and hundreds more.

"This is a declaration of one man's war against the unscrupulous manipulations that are going on at the race track.

"Do you fear death? Do not.  
For death is only a form of debt  
Which all of us will pay back to earth  
As from earth all of us sprung  
To earth all of us must return.

"And now I will show you how the pre-mentioned catastrophe can easily be avorted by you sir.

"For instance if you enter one of your horses in the third race of tomorrow with definite purpose to win the race (not airing) you merely put an ad in the classified ad's page of the N.Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN-which ad will be under the classification of SCURRUSCU such as follows.

"Scurruscu I see you tomorrow at 3: 0'clock.

"If you have two (2) horses going out for a win at the same day one of which is entered in the third race and the other in the fifth race, the ad will read, thus,

"Scurruscu I see you tomorrow eather at 3: or at 5: 0'clock.

"If you have three horses going out for a win at the same day one of which will compete in the second-fourth-and seventh races respectively then the ad will read in the following manner.

"Scurruscu see me tomorrow eather at 2: or at 4: 0'clock.

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"If you can't make it, I'll see you at 7: o'clock. In other words the number of the race or races on which your horses are competing will be the time you will see me or I'll will see you

"It's easy isn't?

"Do not try anything as there is nothing you can do to lure me into a trap. On the contrary that would make me commence the action of terror.

"My wager will never be more than \$50 as I don't intent to make myself conspicuous. I will do nothing which you may suggest so do not suggest, just oblige.

"When the time comes that I will have my \$31.000 in my possession I shall then, sent you onothe letter in which I will inform you to the where obouth of my miniature arsenal so you may dispose of as you please sir.

For then I will have no forther use for such weapons. And you of couse, don't have to put any more ad's in the Jornal American.

"Do you love life?  
Then do not squander time;  
For time is the element  
By which life is made of."

AUSA SILVIO J. MOLLO, Southern District of New York, was furnished the contents of the above-mentioned letter by SA [redacted] Mr. MOLLO advised that in his opinion the anonymous letter constitutes a definite threat to the victim and that he would consider prosecution of the subject if the latter were identified.

By letter dated October 14, 1953 the above-mentioned letter was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

On October 16, 1953, ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, World Veterans Fund, Inc., Room 517, 345 East 46th Street, New York, New York, telephone MUrrayhill 2-3655, advised SAS [redacted] that the anonymous letter was handed to him unopened on Monday afternoon October 12, 1953

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at Jamaica Race Track by his trainer [redacted]  
He stated that [redacted] had received the letter in the  
mail that morning at Belmont Park Race Track.

Mr. VANDERBILT explained that his stable is  
maintained at Belmont Park and [redacted] is in charge.  
As of that date Mr. VANDERBILT's horses were racing at  
Jamaica Race Track but were stabled at Belmont Park.

Mr. VANDERBILT stated he opened the letter and  
read it. After reading it he turned it over to [redacted]  
[redacted] a representative of the Thoroughbred Racing  
Detective Bureau, Inc. Mr. VANDERBILT did not know who  
might have handled the letter and envelope after he gave it  
to [redacted]. He did not know who handled the envelope  
before it was opened by himself other than [redacted]

Mr. VANDERBILT informed that the hand printing  
was not familiar to him and that he had no suspects whatsoever.  
He knew of no disgruntled employees. He has had no trouble  
with anyone and knew of no veteran who might have been a  
former army officer who had sustained any big losses by  
wagering on horse races. Mr. VANDERBILT characterized the  
letter as a crank letter in all probability. His first  
impulse had been to tear it up. He did not give any  
consideration to complying with the demands set out in the  
letter that he place an advertisement in the New York Journal  
American.

Mr. VANDERBILT pointed out the incorrect and  
poor spelling although noting that the writer claimed to  
be a former Army officer. He stated that the writer  
probably was not familiar with racing procedures. In Mr.  
VANDERBILT's opinion the writer is not an employee of any  
of the race tracks nor a former employee. His opinion is  
based upon the fact that the writer indicates a belief that  
Mr. VANDERBILT is able to predict when his horses will win  
which is definitely untrue. Mr. VANDERBILT explained that  
entries for a race must be submitted prior to 10:30 A.M.  
on the day before the race. At the time the entry is sub-  
mitted no one knows the numerical order of the races to  
be run. After all the entries are in the track authorities

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arrange the order of the races from the standpoint of endeavoring to provide the best public attraction. Mr. VANDERBILT informed that it would be possible to know the number of the race if necessary by contacting the authorities who as a favor to him would be able to tell him the order of the races, probably about 11:00 A.M. on the day before the race. Ordinarily this is not done. He advised that he would be willing to place an advertisement in the New York Journal American as directed in the letter if it would be of investigative assistance. Mr. VANDERBILT was reluctant to place such an ad unless it was absolutely necessary.

He explained that the very fact that he had put an ad in the paper could be construed as an admission that he actually can predict when his horses can win. If such a horse would win it would only strengthen the insinuation that he does not always try to have his horses win. He emphasized the fact that all his horses try to win. He also pointed out that the ad would be particularly embarrassing in the event of any newspaper publicity or even if the information was made public by the subject among race track followers and associates.

Mr. VANDERBILT reiterated that he places no credence in the letter that is he does not believe the writer has any intention of carrying out the threat. He believes a crack-pot wrote the letter which is indicated by the rambling nature, text and fact contained in the letter. He also added that it is inconceivable that anyone could expect to recover \$31,000 by betting on tips placed in newspapers.

Mr. VANDERBILT promised to immediately notify the New York office if additional letters or other types of communications were received by him.

The only other past circumstance of a similar nature that he could recall was a series of crack-pot letters received by him from an individual whose name he did not know and who is believed to have been subsequently arrested and jailed. He suggested that Mr. DRAVEN would be able to furnish

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the name of this individual.

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Mr. VANDERBILT stated that he had no objection to any investigation by the New York Police Department if they so desired although he did not feel it was necessary in view of the type of letter. His principal concern is to avoid publicity. He stated that if the New York Police Department requested a copy of the letter he could see no reason why they should not be furnished with a copy.

On October 27, 1953 [redacted] for ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, barn 20, Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, New York, telephone PRimrose 5-2122, residence Fieldstone 7-1407 advised the writer he had received the above-mentioned anonymous letter in the mail and turned the letter over to Mr. VANDERBILT at the Jamaica Race Track. Ordinarily if the mail does not appear to be personal [redacted] opens it. In this case he did not recognize the hand printing and it did not seem to be any of the usual type of mail so he did not open it.

He advised the handprinting on the letter is unknown to him and he has no recollection of ever having seen a similar type of handprint. No one with the background of an Army officer known to him would write such a letter.

He stated that the writer could not be any of Mr. VANDERBILT's employees or any of the track employees because they would know the ~~author~~ and would not have to depend upon the newspapers. [redacted] informed that judging from the contents of the letter that the writer was not familiar with racing and in particular was not familiar with the VANDERBILT stables. He advised that the VANDERBILT stable is not a "betting stable." He also pointed out that any one familiar with racing would know that the VANDERBILT horses are stabled at Belmont Park Race Track and would be familiar with the address and location of the track.

[redacted] explained that Mr. VANDERBILT was formerly President of the Westchester Racing Association.

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The address appearing on the envelope gives the impression that the writer obtained it from a Manhattan telephone directory.

[redacted] advised that all entries are entered to run and do their best. On a particular day they might have one winner and the other horses entered would finish out of the money. On other days there might be more than one winner. [redacted] cannot predict with any accuracy the winners of any particular race. He did point out as a possible exception Native Dancer which has been unusually successful..

[redacted] pointed out that the writer of the letter might be familiar with horse racing from the standpoint of a handbook better. [redacted] stated it would be possible to know by 11:30 A.M. on the day before a race the order of the races. He volunteered the opinion that he did not think that that would be sufficiently early enough to place an advertisement in a newspaper for publishing that day although he felt it could be inserted for the early editions on that day of the race.

[redacted] advised that the word "scurruscu" did not have any significance to him nor did he know of anyone with such a nickname. He advised that Mr. VANDERBILT is leaving for Europe about the first of November. In the event that any similar-type letters are received he will immediately forward them to the New York office. He stated he would also be alert for a possible telephone contact from the anonymous writer. He added that the closing of the Jamaica Race Track will see Mr. VANDERBILT's horses running in California.

On October 19, 1953 [redacted] Thoroughbred Racing Detective Bureau, Inc., 405 Lexington Avenue, New York City, advised that during February 1952 Mr. and Mrs. VANDERBILT had received a series of annoying telegrams. The telegrams were all signed JOHN MOLLOY and also gave his address as 3040 Waterbury Avenue, Bronx, New York. During the summer of 1953 these telegrams were resumed. [redacted] ascertained that MOLLOY had been

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staying at the Hotel Westerly, Westerly, Rhode Island. On August 20, 1953 MOLLOY appeared at the Westerly Police Department at approximately 11:15 A.M. at which time MOLLOY was temporarily detained. MOLLOY was then examined by Dr. HENRY B. GRANGER and Dr. FREEMAN BRUNO AGNELLI who found MOLLOY insane and had him committed to the State Hospital for Mental Diseases, Howard, Rhode Island. [redacted]

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[redacted] Park and Tilford Distillers Corporation, 543 West 43rd Street, New York City, advised that JOHN JAMES MOLLOY, 3040 Waterbury Avenue, Bronx, New York, Social Security No. [redacted] had been employed from June 30, 1947 until September 29, 1952 as a power plant engineer. The record reflects that MOLLOY was released with the notation "Do not rehire."

[redacted] advised that JOHN JAMES MOLLOY [redacted] He stated that MOLLOY used to frequent race tracks and would take airplane trips over a weekend just for the purpose of seeing horse races. Allegedly when MOLLOY's father died he left MOLLOY \$50,000 and a house. [redacted] advised that the circumstances surrounding MOLLOY's release arose from the fact that he sent a telegram to [redacted] of the Tintex Division of Park and Tilford. [redacted] informed that he believes MOLLOY also wrote a letter to [redacted] of the American Federation of Labor or some other high labor union personnel which [redacted] believes [redacted] MOLLOY some difficulty in Local 94 of the engineers.

MOLLOY was described as single and living with a married sister. [redacted] stated MOLLOY was a fanatic on the question of patriotism and religion.

[redacted] made available two Boiler-room logs dated September 2nd and 5th, 1952, which contained the handwriting and handprinting of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY.

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[redacted] Park and Tilford Distillers, Inc., 485 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, made available the original application of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY at the time he was employed.

By letter dated October 19, 1953 the above-mentioned boiler room logs, application and withholding certificate of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

[redacted]  
[redacted] had moved into the premises on July 15, 1953. The address is a two-family house and each of these two women occupies an apartment with their family. They did not know JOHN JAMES MOLLOY nor did they know the names of the former occupants of the building.

[redacted]  
The mother of ANNA MOLLOY and JOHN MOLLOY died in 1945. The father died in 1949. [redacted]

[redacted] They advised that JOHN MOLLOY is confined to the State Hospital, Howard, Rhode Island and has been there since approximately August 20, 1953 as a mental patient undergoing shock treatments.

[redacted] stated that approximately two weeks prior to the interview she signed papers approving of a transfer of JAMES MOLLOY from Rhode Island to New York State.

JOHN MOLLOY has never had any military service. They advised that he was very much interested in horse races and had made trips to Baltimore, Narragansett, Cleveland and Chicago. JOHN MOLLOY traveled by bus, plane and train. In connection with MOLLOY's interest in horse racing [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that MOLLOY had had VANDERBILT on his mind for the past couple of years. They stated that MOLLOY has an obsession that the VANDERBILTS are bothering him and following him. [redacted] pointed out that anyone dressing in the same colors as the VANDERBILT stable were observed by MOLLOY and the latter would be beside himself saying that the wearer was working for VANDERBILT. [redacted] stated that if the subject matter of the interview concerned letters written to the VANDERBILTS she would not doubt that [redacted] had sent them. However, she pointed out that in the past [redacted] had always signed his name and given his address. She also mentioned that she never knew [redacted] to print; that he always wrote in script.

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Until September 1952 JOHN MOLLOY had worked for Park and Tilford. Prior to working for Park and Tilford, he worked for his father who was the building custodian at PS 55, Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York. During the summer of 1951 JOHN MOLLOY made a trip to Ireland. They also described MOLLOY as being afraid of cops in the sense that he would never run away from them. He has gone to the local precinct when he has felt that the police were looking for him. They advised that JOHN MOLLOY had never been arrested to their knowledge; he always gave his true name and address whenever questioned by police or others. He attended elementary school only.

By teletype dated October 20, 1953 the Boston office advised that JOHN JAMES MOLLOY was adjudged insane on August 20, 1953 in proceedings at Westerly, Rhode Island and committed to the State Hospital for Mental Diseases, Howard, Rhode Island. MOLLOY was still a patient at that hospital as of that date.

On October 23, 1953 [redacted] telephonically advised the writer that a letter had been received from JOHN MOLLOY at the Park and Tilford plant, West 43rd Street, New York City.

[redacted]  
Tintex Division, Park and Tilford Company, 543 West 43rd Street, advised that a letter had been received from JOHN MOLLOY addressed to the company and postmarked Howard, Rhode Island.

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Island, October 19, 1953. The letter itself was addressed to [redacted] In the letter MOLLOY explains that he is confined in a hospital in Rhode Island and states he is improving and indicated that he has to get his engineer's license from Park and Tilford. The letter is signed JOHN MOLLOY.

This letter is being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory in order that the paper and envelope can be compared with the paper and envelope in the anonymous letter.

[redacted]  
described MOLLOY as being interested in racing and stated they have not heard of him since he left the employment. They described him as being very religious.

The FBI Laboratory by letter dated October 22, 1953 advised that the handprinting on the anonymous letter was searched through the appropriate sections of the anonymous letter file with negative results.

The envelope is a white bond U. S. Government 31 stamped, water marked "US 1953." The two sheets of writing paper measure approximately eleven inches by eight and four tenths inches and have no water mark. A portion of the first page was cut off. Five latent fingerprints were developed on the envelope and 2 latent fingerprints were developed on the second page of the letter and 1 latent fingerprint on the first page.

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By letter dated October 23, 1953 the FBI Laboratory advised that a positive conclusion could not be reached as to whether or not JOHN JAMES MOLLOY handprinted the anonymous letter because the handprinting in the anonymous letter is in upper case handprinted letters and the writings of MOLLOY submitted to the Laboratory consisted mostly of script writings.

On November 2, 1953 the specimens furnished by

[redacted]  
[redacted] were returned.

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On October 15, 1953 SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] of the New York City Police Department with the necessary information concerning possible precautions at Jamaica Racetrack in view of the unknown subject's threats. [redacted] requested a copy of the anonymous letter.

On October 27, 1953 a photographic copy of the anonymous letter was furnished to [redacted] by SA [redacted]. The [redacted] turned the letter over to [redacted] and instructed him that no publicity was to be given to this matter; that the letter was to be searched through the Police Department files and that if any identification was made through the handprinting, the New York office of the FBI be advised. [redacted] also advised the New York City Police Department would make no investigation. He requested that the department be advised upon the completion of this case.

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After previous negative effort, on November 16, 1953 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he has not been advised of the results of the check of the handprinting. Due to the fact that he has not heard he believes no identification was effected; however, he will definitely ascertain whether or not an identification was made.

Descriptions

The following is a description of ALFRED G.

VANDERBILT:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	39
Height	5'10"
Weight	155
Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Marital Status	Married
Residence	Broad Hollow, Jericho, Long Island, New York
Business	World Veterans Fund, Inc. 345 East 46th Street, Room 517 New York City

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The following is a description of JOHN JAMES  
MOLLOY as obtained from the records of Park and Tilford:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	54
Date of Birth	August 17, 1899
Height	5'7"
Weight	185
Hair	Brown fringe on sides, completely bald on top
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Unknown
Occupation	Maintenance engineer

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LEADS

BOSTON

At Howard, Rhode Island

Will obtain handprinting specimens of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY at the State Hospital if authorities feel no undue harm would result. In view of [redacted] comments reference to name of VANDERBILT should be omitted.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will contact Veterans Administration to determine identities of former Ordnance Officers who might write such a letter as instant anonymous letter.

Will contact [redacted]  
[redacted] New York City Police Department, to determine results of check of anonymous letter through NYCPD files.

Will report results of FBI Laboratory examination.

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To: SAC, New York

December 3, 1953

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on November 25, 1953. This confirms and supplements Bureau air-tel message dated November 30, 1953, in this case.

Re: JAMES J. HANCOCK  
ALBANY, N. Y. TILT  
VIRIX

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 9-1953  
FBI FILE NO. 9-24984-  
LAB. NO. D-176015 AT

Examination requested by: New York  
Reference: Letter 11/24/53  
Examination requested: Document  
Specimens:

K2 Envelope postmarked "HOWARD R.I. OCT 19 1953 4 PM" addressed to "PARK & TILFORD IMPORT CO..." and accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Dear [redacted] Home in the hospital..." and signed "John Volloy."

Results of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the paper for the questioned envelope, Q1, is different from the paper in the envelope listed above as K2. It was further concluded that the paper for specimens Q2 and Q3 is different from the paper for the letter contained in K2.

Specimen K2 is returned herewith to New York. Photographs have not been made.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (9-24984)  
 FROM : SAC, New York (9-1953)  
 SUBJECT: UNSUB; ALFRED G.  
 VANDERBILT - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION

DATE: 11/24/53

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Enclosed is an envelope postmarked Howard, Rhode Island, October 19, 1953 addressed to Park and Tilford Import Company containing a one-page letter addressed to "Dear [redacted]"

It is requested that the paper used for the letter as well as the envelope be compared with the paper of Q1, Q2 and Q3, previously submitted, to determine whether or not there are any similarities of significance.

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SAC, NEW YORK (9-1953)

UNSUB; ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKER. REURLET 11-24-53. CONCLUDED PAPER  
FOR MENTIONED ENVELOPE, Q1, IS DIFFERENT FROM PAPER FOR ENVELOPE  
SUBMITTED RECENT. CONCLUDED PAPER FOR SPECIMENS Q2 AND Q3 IS DIFFERENT  
FROM PAPER FOR LETTER ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE SUBMITTED WITH REURLET. LABORATORY  
REPORT FOLLOWS.

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CEB:ALC *alc*

*note: send air tel  
per E. Hughes.*

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TITLE <b>ALFRED C. VANDERBILT - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

VA officials advised all records filed by claim number and a search of all their records not practical. An anonymous letter searched through files of NYCPD and no identification made.

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**DETAILS:**

Colonel  Administrative Division, New York Regional Office, Veterans Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York City, and  Brooklyn Regional Office, Veterans Administration, 250 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that all their records are filed by claim number and it would be impossible to search for former ordinance officers without causing a search of all records in their possession. They both stated that due to the paucity of information at present, such a search would not be practical.

New York City Police Department, advised SA  that the anonymous threatening letter was searched through the files of the Police Department and no identification was made.

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Two copies of this report are being furnished the Boston Office, inasmuch as they are presently conducting some investigation in this case.

LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report the results of the FBI Laboratory examination requested by letter, dated 11/24/53.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED]  
New York.

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Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

11/30/53  
Transmit the following Teletype message to:

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, WASH. D.C. FROM NEW YORK 11/10/53.  
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU 11/10/53.  
ADVISE BUREAU 11/10/53.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT: ALFRED G. VANDERBILT - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Handprinting of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY examined by FBI Laboratory but no conclusion reached. Letter postmarked 10/19/53 written by MOLLOY to former employer was written on paper different from that used in anonymous letter, according to FBI Laboratory.

*- From memo from 12/30/53  
CIV.*

**DETAILS:**

By letter dated October 23, 1953 the FBI Laboratory advised that a positive conclusion could not be reached as to whether JOHN JAMES MOLLOY had prepared the handprinting in the anonymous letter because there was insufficient handprinting in the documents prepared by MOLLOY.

By letter dated December 3, 1953 the FBI Laboratory advised that the envelope postmarked Howard, Rhode Island, dated October 19, 1953, and addressed to Park and Tilford Company which contained a letter beginning Dear   and signed JOHN MOLLOY, was on paper different from that used in the envelope which contained the extortion letter. The paper on which the letter itself was prepared was different from the paper in the extortion letter.

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BOSTON (INFORMATION)

Two copies of this report are being forwarded to the Boston Office for their assistance in conducting previous conducted investigation at Howard, Rhode Island.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow any logical leads resulting from the investigation being conducted by the Boston Office.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] NY, 12/1/53.

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TITLE <b>UNSUB: ALFRED G. VANDERBILT - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Handprinting specimens obtained from JOHN MOLLOY, patient at Rhode Island State Hospital for Mental Diseases. MOLLOY denies being author of instant letter to Victim. Writing paper of description furnished for instant letter not available to patients according to hospital doctor. Handprinting specimens forwarded to FBI Laboratory.

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**DETAILS:**

AT HOWARD, RHODE ISLAND

Dr. GABRIEL NAJERA, Adolf Meyer Building, Rhode Island State Hospital for Mental Diseases, who has direct supervision over patient, JOHN MOLLOY, advised that MOLLOY has recently received a full course of twenty shock treatments with partial results. His fixation relative to persecution by the VANDERBILT family appears to have been dissipated. He doesn't discuss them any more and states he has never been persecuted by them, according to Doctor NAJERA. MOLLOY'S general condition has deteriorated and his personality is impaired, the Doctor stated, adding that his diagnosis continues to be "Schizophrenic - Paranoid type." MOLLOY is very preoccupied with religion and is quite confused.

MOLLOY, in the presence of Special Agent  and the reporting Agent, and in response to preliminary questions by Doctor NAJERA, stated that he had never met Mr. and Mrs. VANDERBILT and knew them only by sight. He stated that he had no ill feeling toward them and that they had never persecuted him.

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MOLLOY stated to reporting Agent that he had written a letter to Mr. VANDEBILT a long time ago but that he has not written any letter to him since he has been at the hospital at Howard, Rhode Island. He further stated that at no time has he ever handprinted any letter to any one. He explained that he always writes in large script. He stated that he has never done any handprinting but indicated his willingness to furnish samples of it. Seven sheets of paper containing specimens of MOLLOY'S handprinting were obtained. He was given the opportunity of using pencil, indelible pencil, ball point pen and steel point pen. The specimens comprise words misspelled in instant threatening letter and words appearing on the envelope together with quotations from instant letter. In view of the condition of MOLLOY only limited specimens were obtained. These specimens have been forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory for comparison examination, together with a white envelope of the type available to and actually used by MOLLOY. This envelope bears pencil script writing of MOLLOY.

Dr. PAJERA advised that no writing paper fitting the description furnished of instant threatening letter was available to the hospital patients nor could they obtain it anywhere in the hospital. Numerous samples of MOLLOY'S handwriting in the form of censored mail and all maintained in his medical file, was determined to be in large script type writing. The Doctor stated that he knew of no instance when MOLLOY had done any handprinting.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 24, 1953, at New York.

Boston airtel to New York dated December 3, 1953.

New York letter to Boston dated December 8, 1953.

Boston letter to Bureau dated December 28, 1953.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

January 7, 1954

Re:

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO.  
FBI FILE NO.  
LAB. NO.

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9-147-  
5-17, 1953

Examination requested by:

Reference:

Letter 1/20/53

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Examination requested:

For print

Specimens:

K3 One piece of the known hand printing of JOHN OLLEY.

K4 One envelope of the type available to JOHN OLLEY and bearing penciled handwriting.

ALSO SUBMITTED: One blank white envelope and one blank manila envelope.

Results of examination:

This confirms and supplements Bureau's air-tel dated January 4, 1954, in this case.

No positive conclusion was reached as to whether the questioned hand printing on specimens 1 through 13 submitted by New York in this case on October 12, 1953, was prepared by JOHN KOLLOX, whose additional hand printing is designated as K3, because there are variations in style of hand printing between the known and questioned specimens. From the examination conducted, characteristics were noted in the printing which suggest that consideration be given to the securing of hand printed samples from any other local subjects, if further examination is desired.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (9-20498)

DATE: December 28, 1953

FROM : SAC, Boston (9-706)

ATTENTION: FBI LaboratorySUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ALFRED G. VANDERBILT-VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
(NEW YORK CO)

Re letters dated October 22, 23, 1953 from FBI Laboratory to New York.

There are enclosed herewith nine sheets of paper containing specimens of the handprinting of JOHN ~~MOLLOY~~, patient at the Rhode Island State Hospital for Mental Diseases, Howard, Rhode Island. As is indicated on the reverse sides of these sheets, specimens were obtained using pencil, indelible pencil, ball point pen, and steel point pen. The specimens comprise words misspelled in instant threatening letter to the Victim, quotations from the letter, and words appearing on the envelope containing the letter. The paper used to obtain these specimens was furnished by investigating Agents. No paper fitting the description of that of instant threatening letter was available at the hospital.

It is requested that the above-mentioned handprinting specimens be compared with the handprinting in instant threatening letter.

There is also enclosed one white envelope of the type available to and actually used by MOLLOY at the Hospital. This envelope bears pencil script writing of MOLLOY. It is requested that this envelope be compared with the envelope in which instant threatening letter was enclosed to determine if they are of the same type.

The results of the above-requested examination should be furnished to the New York Office.

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Enclosures (10)

REGISTERED MAIL

CC: New York (9-1953)

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1. The Commission has been informed that the following information was received from the Ministry of Health, Department of Health Services, regarding the health of the deceased:

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REF ID: A66064

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

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TITLE <b>ALFRED G. VANDERBILT - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Additional handwriting specimens of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY submitted to FBI Laboratory without effecting any identification.

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**DETAILS:** By letter dated December 28, 1953 the Boston Office submitted nine sheets of paper containing samples of the handprinting of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY, who was then a patient at the Rhode Island State Hospital for Mental Diseases at Howard, Rhode Island. No paper fitting the description of the paper used in the instant anonymous letter was available at the hospital.

By letter dated January 7, 1954 the FBI Laboratory advised that no positive conclusion was reached as to whether the handprinting in the anonymous letter was prepared by JOHN JAMES MOLLOY because there are variations in the style of handprinting between the handprinting on the anonymous letter and the handprinting of JOHN JAMES MOLLOY. The Laboratory did note from characteristics in the handprinting which suggested that handprinting samples from other logical suspects be obtained if further examination is requested.

In view of the fact that JOHN JAMES MOLLOY was the only possible suspect mentioned by the victim and no other logical suspects have been developed, this case is being closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED]  
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New York, 12/21/53  
Boston 12/31/53

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MR. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT.

IN CHARGE OF



SAVE THE EASY WAY  
BUY U.S. BONDS  
PAYROLL SAVINGS



WESTCHESTER RACING.

ASSOCIATION

250 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. B. NICHOLS

DATE: 4-5-56

FROM : D. J. PARSONS

SUBJECT: UNSUB  
ALFRED G. VANDERBILT  
VIKEX

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Received 10-20-53  
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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: ALFRED G. VANDERBILT-VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Lab. #

File #

Lab. # D-173973 AT

Examination requested by: SAC, New York (9-new)

Date of reference communication: Let. 10-11-53

Date received: 10/15/53

Examination requested: Document- Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: CEB

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*See attached!*

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope bearing the handprinted address "Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt in care of Westchester Racing Association 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y." postmarked "NEW YORK 7, N.Y. OCT 8 1953 8:30 PM."
- Q2 First page of ~~en~~ accompanying hand printed letter beginning "To Mr; Alfred G. Vanderbilt. Sir; As there are....." ending "To earth all of us must return."
- Q3 Second page of accompanying letter beginning "And now I will show you....." ending "By which life is made of."

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

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Lab. # *D-175715AT*

Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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Specimens submitted for examination

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK#</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED BY</u>	<u>BANK</u>
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Physical Characteristics:

Q1 White bond encl. 3¢ embossed stamp, measuring  
9.5" x 4.14" x .0048" to .0049"  
US 1453- Watermark  
Address handprinted in blue-black ink.

Q2 White bond paper having part cut out of  
upper portion, no watermark, message hp. in  
10.44" x 4.44" x .0036" to .0037"

Q3 No watermark, white bond paper .0037"  
10.44" x 4.44" x .0036" to .0037"  
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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: *CONFIDENTIAL*  
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File # *100-24884*  
Lab. # D-174236 AT

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Examination requested by: S. C. New York (9-1953)

Date of reference communication: Oct. 10, 1953

Date received: 10/22/53

Examination requested: Doc.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: CEB

*See attached.*

Specimens submitted for examination

K1 2 Park and Tilford Import Corporation, Boiler Room Logs dated 9/5/52 and 9/2/52; 1 employee's withholding exemption certificate dated 6/30/47; and 1 Park and Tilford Import Corporation application dated 6/30/47, all bearing the kn hw and hp of JOHN JAMES HOLLOY.

Return evidence....

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Re: *Unsub, ~~not~~ Alfred G.  
Vanderbilt;  
Vikes*

File #  
Lab. # *D-174126 A7*

Examination requested by: *NY*

Date of reference communication: *10/19/53* Date received: *10/20/53*

Examination requested: *DOC. -*

Result of Examination:

Examination by:



*10-20-53*

*K1. noe Q1 → Q3. -*

*Q6 - upper case H.P.*

*K - mostly script.*

Specimens submitted for examination

*Suggest additional - also other suspects.*

*Q1 → Q3. MR. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT.  
R D G M JOHN Y*

*K1. JON J. SMY NW/KCIY  
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Re: INSURANCE CO. G. VANDERBILT - VINDEX

File #9-24984  
Lab. #D-176015 AT

Examination requested by: SAC, N.Y. (9-1953)

Date of reference communication: Let. 11-24-53

Date received: 11-25-53

Examination requested: Doc.

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

*Per*

*11-25-53*

*to the ... ..  
10/26/53 ... .. 12,000*

Specimens submitted for examination

AS Envelope postmarked "HOWARD R.I. OCT 19 1953 4 PM" addressed to "PARK &  
TILFORD IMPORT CO., ..." and accompanying hw. let. ~~adix~~ beginning "Dear   
 Home in the hospital..." and signed "John Molloy."

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Lab. # 1-17743

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Examination requested by: SAC, Boston (9-100)

Date of reference communication: Let. 12-28-53

Date received: 12-30-53

Examination requested: Loc.

Result of Examination:

Examination by:



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*hw.*  
*also submitted: 1 blank white envelope and 1 blank*  
*manila envelope.*

CC-N.Y. (9-1953)

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A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN BETRAYED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE HAVE BECOME ANIMOUSLY EXCITED BY KILLING PERHAPS HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT SUCKERS I SHALL EXPOSE MY IDENTITY BY HAVING YOU SIR, AS MY COMPANION IN DEATH

IN SUMMERISING THE WHOLE IDEA SIR ASSIST ME TO RECOUP MY FINANCIAL LIBERTY OR I SHALL GIVE DEATH TO YOU AND HUNDREDS MORE THIS IS A DECLARATION OF ONE MAN'S WAR AGAINST THE UNSCRUPULOUS MANIPULATIONS THAT ARE GOING ON AT THE RACE TRACK.

DO NOT FEAR DEATH DO NOT  
FOR DEATH IS ONLY A FORM OF LIFE  
AND I AM NOT AFRAID OF IT  
AS I AM NOT AFRAID OF THE  
TO EARTH Y-L 24901ST 23

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